Text Book Committee.

37. **MR. P. S. MUHAMED** : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement by caste of the members of the Text Book Committee ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : The member is referred to page 375 of the Civil List corrected up to 1-10-1116.

Disease of the co-coanut trees.

38. **MR. P. S. MUHAMED** : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Director of Agriculture visited the coastal regions between Karunagapally and Ambalapuzha during the current year ;

(*b*) if so, whether he found any new disease in the co-coanut trees ;

(*c*) whether he made any report to Government ;

(*d*) if any report be made, what the report is ;

(*e*) whether the department enquired into the causes of the disease ; and

(*f*) whether the department recommended any antidote to the disease ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) There was no new disease.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The question does not arise.

(*e*) It was found that the cocoanut leaf roller pest *Nephantis Serinopa* had appeared in certain localities.

(*f*) Arrangements were immediately made for the release of as many eulophid parasites as possible. Thousands of them have been and are being liberated in the affected centres to bring the pest under control.

Road to Kadakkara from Thottummughom.

39. **MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representations regarding the repair of the road to Kadakkara from Thottummughom, Chakkarakkadavu ; and

(*b*) if so, what action they have taken in the matter ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : (*a*) & (*b*) There is no road under P. W. D. maintenance from Thottummughom to Kadakkara. If the member means the road from the 4th mile Parur Châthanad road to Kadakkara, representations have been received about it and the P. W. D. Advisory Committee have suggested that this should wait consideration for the next year.

Oodukur System.

40. **MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether a Special Officer was appointed to investigate and report on the Oodukur system prevailing in the State :

(*b*) whether he has submitted his report ;

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